

Metropolitan Transportation Plan for Clark County



Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

FOR CLARK COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

TO: Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors
FROM: Dean Lookingbill, Transportation Director
DATE: September 28, 1999
SUBJECT: **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, Resolution 10-99-26**

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for Clark County is the long-range regional transportation plan for the region. It has a twenty-year planning horizon and represents the collective strategy for developing a regional transportation system that provides mobility and accessibility for personal travel and goods movement. The Plan also supports existing and planned economic development. The MTP identifies future travel needs, recommends policies/strategies, and identifies implementation programs for meeting future needs. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for Clark County was adopted by the RTC Board of Directors in December 1994, was subsequently updated in December 1996, and amended in 1997, 1998 and in April, 1999. Federal and state law requires that the Plan undergo periodic review. Attached is a copy of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for Clark County.

The proposed MTP update extends the horizon year of the MTP to the year 2020 which ensures compliance with the federal requirement to have a twenty-year plan.. A forecast population of 473,898, 192,716 households and 227,910 employment is assumed as the basis for the MTP update. The MTP has been developed with technical review and input provided by Regional Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) members and policy review provided by the RTC Board. The proposed update was made available to the public at the joint RTC/WSDOT transportation booth at the Clark County Fair (August 6 - 15, 1999) and at a public meeting held on September 16, 1999.

POLICY IMPLICATION

The MTP represents the framework plan and policies for development of the regional transportation system. The 2000-2002 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), proposed for adoption at the October, 1999 RTC Board meeting, is consistent with the Plan. RTC, as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO), must certify that there is consistency between the MTP and the transportation elements of local comprehensive plans required under the Growth Management Act (GMA) and that the transportation elements conform with the GMA's requirements. The evaluation of local transportation elements was carried out by RTC in 1994 and re-evaluated in 1997. The certification is re-affirmed with the

MTP update. Air quality conformity analysis is carried out using the assumed list of MTP projects as outlined in Appendix A of the Plan. Air quality analysis confirms that the MTP complies with the mobile emissions budgets specified in the air quality maintenance plans. Update of the prioritization of regional transportation projects, carried out with the 1998 MTP update, is deferred until the conclusion of significant regional transportation planning studies now underway in the region. The studies include the I-5/I-205 North Corridor Study, the I-205 Strategic Corridor Pre-Design Study, and the I-5 Trade Corridor Study.

BUDGET IMPLICATION

Regular update and amendment of the adopted MTP is a requirement for the receipt of federal transportation funds. Federal regulations require that the MTP contain a financial plan that demonstrates consistency between proposed transportation investments and projected sources of revenue. After revenues are set aside for system maintenance, preservation and operating costs, the remaining revenues are available to fund capital improvements to the regional transportation system identified in the MTP. Attached is the MTP financial analysis carried out to support the proposed update to the MTP for Clark County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption of Resolution 10-99-26, "Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update".

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 1999,

by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council.

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON
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ATTEST:

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